

Have you completed technical/vocational education and training abroad?
Apply for recognition.



What does recognition mean for me?



Should your technical/vocational education and training be recognised, it means that your qualification is considered comparable with Norwegian vocational education and training at upper secondary school level. Your qualification is evaluated by independent competent committees representing employees, employers and the state education system.

Recognition can contribute to:

- better job opportunities
- higher salary
- presenting your employer with a clearer overview of your formal competences

Can I apply?

You can apply for recognition if you have vocational qualifications from Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania or Poland.

Will my qualification be evaluated?

You can apply for recognition for qualifications in the following Norwegian professions:

- Bricklayer (murer)
- Butcher (slakter)
- Cabinet Maker (møbelsnekker)
- Carpenter (tømrer)
- Cook, Institutional Cook (kokk, institusjonskokk)
- Cosmetologist (hudpleier)
- Glazier (glassfagarbeider)
- Hairdresser (frisør)
- Industrial Concrete Worker (betongfagarbeider)
- Industrial Machinery Mechanic (industrimekaniker)
- Meat Cutter (kjøttskjærer)
- Motor Vehicle Mechanic, light and/or heavy vehicles (bilmekaniker, lette og/eller tunge kjøretøy)
- Retail Butcher (butikkslakter)
- Plumber (rørlegger)
- Roofer (taktekker)
- Sausage Maker (pølsemaker)
- Tinsmith (blikkenslager)
- Upholsterer (møbeltapetserer)
- Waiter (servitør)
- Wood Products Carpenter (trevaresnekker)

The recognition scheme will be extended to include more countries and qualifications in the future. Information about this will be published on our webpage.

How can I apply?

1. Go to www.nokut.no/en/
2. Click on “Choose recognition scheme here”

Foreign education

Apply for recognition of higher education, tertiary vocational education or vocational education and training.

Choose recognition scheme here

Check status on your application

3. Click on “Recognition of foreign vocational education and training”

Recognition of foreign higher education

Recognition of foreign tertiary vocational education

Recognition of foreign vocational education and training

4. Log in via MinID if you have registered with MinID
5. Fill in the online application form
6. Find the papers that document your education and training
7. You also need these papers translated to Norwegian or English
8. Upload all these files
9. Submit the application

Please note!

We cannot evaluate your work experience after you completed education and training.

Is your profession regulated?

Certain professions are regulated in Norway, including some professions from upper secondary education and training, such as Health Care Worker, Electrician or Crane Operator. In order to work in a regulated profession in Norway you must obtain a licence (autorisasjon) from the Competent Authority for your profession.

Check whether your profession is regulated in Norway on www.nokut.no/en/ by choosing “List of regulated professions”.

About Foreign education

The GSU list

NOKUT's country database

List of regulated professions

List of industries - regulated professions

Recognition authorities

– I went to several job interviews, but I could not get a job without recognition of my training as a Plumber. They wanted to see a statement of comparability from NOKUT. With this in place, I quickly got a job in a large plumbing company, Krzysztof Piotr Kasinski explains.

Would you recommend having your education and training recognised?

– Yes, absolutely. This makes it easier to get a job.

